

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-IRAN AGREEMENT ON FERTILISER
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding was signed between India and Iran in the field of fertiliser during 1994; and
- (b) if so, the present status of such projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Invitations to Bid for ammonia and urea plants of the project were issued in November, 1997 and subsequently reissued in January 1999. However, no satisfactory response was received. Response from the financing institutions and EPC bidders for financing has also not been encouraging. In view of the changed market scenario, the project viability and its restructuring is proposed to be discussed amongst project promoters.